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Retired teacher robbed

Gagged, tied, held hostage

- Man and woman use renting house as a ruse to enter house
- Loot 77 gram mangalsutra and bangles worth Rs. 3.85 lakh

Mysuru, July 13 (RK&BCT)- A man and a woman robbed a retired teacher of her gold ornaments after holding her hostage in her home in Hebbal. As the robbery occurred in a densely populated residential area, the incident has alarmed residents.

Shanthamma, a 65-year-old retired teacher, was gagged and tied with a rope by two individuals who came to her house under the pretence of seeking a home for rent. The duo stole her mangalsutra and bangles worth Rs. 3,85,000.

This incident occurred just a day before a family in Siddiqui Nagar was robbed of gold, cash and valuables worth Rs. 3.15 lakh at knifepoint in the early hours of July 11. While the Siddiqui Nagar crime occurred in the early hours of July 11, the incident in Hebbal took place on July 10.

In her complaint, Shanthamma, wife of Mallaiah and a resident of Hebbal First Stage, stated that she is a retired teacher residing on the first floor of her house, while the ground floor was available for rent.

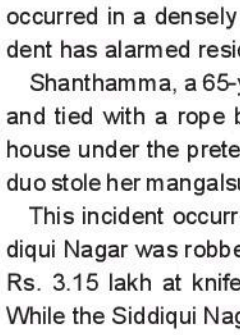
On July 10, Shanthamma was alone at home as her husband was on a tour. At around 12.45 pm, a woman and a man, aged around 20 to 30 years, knocked on her door seeking information about ground floor house available for rent. The duo introduced themselves as a couple.

(See RETIRED TEACHER on page 7)

Mystery shrouds Mysuru woman's suicide in Belagavi

Husband, two family members arrested on suspicion

Mysuru, July 13 (RK&BCT)- A 22-year-old woman from Mysuru, who married a man in Belagavi she met on *Instagram*, is now suspected of having committed suicide. However, the woman's parents have accused her husband and family of murder.



Boresh and Manjula

The victim, Manjula alias Nayana, was a resident of Kumbarkoppal in Mysuru and active on *Instagram*, where she frequently posted reels.

She became acquainted with Boresh of Machche village in Belagavi on social media platform and their relationship blossomed into love affair. Both families supported their desire to marry and Manjula moved to Belagavi one-and-a-half years ago to live with Boresh and his family.

Yesterday, Manjula was found hanging in her room and Boresh informed the Police and her family in Kumbarkoppal. According to Belagavi Police, Manjula was two months pregnant at the time of her death.

(See MYSURU WOMAN on page 7)

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Harikatha and Music Concert on July 14 and 18

Mysuru, July 13 - Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Mysuru, has organised Harikatha and Music Concert as part of 230th birth anniversary of Maharaja Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar and 105th birth anniversary celebration of Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar on July 14 and 18 at 6 pm at Alwar Kalabhavana, Sri Krishna Temple, Gokulam III Stage here.

July 14: Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Jayanthi - Varchashvi Siddalinga Raj Urs, Matadipathi of Malavalli, Kappadi and Honnayakanahalli Mutts will be the chief guest. B.S. Sridhara Raj Urs, President of Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, will preside.

Seetha Kalyana Harikatha programme will be presented by Dr. Belur H. Vasanthalakshmi.

July 18: Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Jayanthi - V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Joint Director, Department of Kannada and Culture, Mysuru, will be the chief guest. Sridhara Raj Urs will preside over the programme.

Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar and Jayachamaraja Wadiyar

Dr. Vasanthalakshmi *Vidu. Adithi*

On the occasion, vocal music concert will be presented by Vidu. Adithi Prahalad.

She will be accompanied by Vid. Nandan Kashyap on mridanga, Vid. Keshava M. Kumar on violin and Vid. M.J. Kiran Kumar on ghata.

Samskruthotsava contests at BVB on July 20

Mysuru, July 13- As part of Samskrutotsava 2024-25, an inter-School Samskrutotsava competition has been organised at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB) School, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, on July 20 at 9.30 am.

Sukanya Ramasheshaiah, Sanskrit HoD, Mahajana High School, Mysuru, will be the chief guest. Dr. K.B. Ganapathy, Founder-Editor, *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra*, who is also the Chairman of BVB, Mysuru Kendra, will preside.

Dr. C. Naganna, BVB Vice-Chairman, P.S. Ganapathy, Hon. Secretary, Dr. A.T. Bhashyam, Hon. Treasurer and S. Lekha Nair, Principal, will be present. For details contact Mob: 96207-16542 or 96996-54899.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

UNDERSTANDING GOD: ***Sometimes, it may not be possible for us to gauge how severe a flood current will be, as well as its course of running and speed. Similarly, we cannot realise the nature of the other four elements. Can we understand God — the creator of the Universe — and His features and qualities fully well? Trichy Sri Kalyanaraman said in a discourse that Tamil poet Sekkhizar says about God as*** *"Ulagelaam unarndhu odharkariyan."* ***Sri Arunagiri Nadhar says He is like a dwarf, but His qualities and deeds are great and cannot be completely understood*** *(Alavil Siriyavan, Alavida Ariyadavan).* ***The saint poet Thiruvalluvar says whatever a man may deeply learn, only his natural wisdom will prevail (****Nunniya nool* **- kural 373).***

God is ever ready to extend His blessings to us, but we should prompt Him to do so through our conduct and behaviour. If we shower Him with our devotion, He will pour His blessings on us. Only by constant practice can devotion be developed. While we attach importance to each and every minute activity in our worldly life, we should equally put in our efforts to realise that God resides in us.

If we sail a mind-like raft with haughtiness as its oar and anger as the stock laden, the boat will only hit a rock. To reach the ultimate destination, we must chant God's name, overcoming the pride of ego and possession. *—In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

205 ft. bonfire pyre unofficially breaks record

Belfast: A Northern Ireland town constructed a bonfire pyre measuring more than 205 feet tall, a possible new Guinness World Record.

The Craigyhill Bonfire Committee in Larne said the bonfire pyre was measured at 205 feet, 6 inches by land survey firm LSS, and at 205 feet and .269 inches by a second firm, Clifford and Gregg.

Either figure would be enough to take the Guinness World Record from a 198-foot, 11-inch bonfire built in 2019 in Austria.

The committee said data from the surveyors is being submitted to the record-keeping organisation for official recognition.

Woman 108, stays young by flirting with men

Birmingham: An Alabama woman celebrating her 108th birthday offered an unusual answer to how she keeps herself feeling young: "drinking wine, eating dessert, and flirting with men with moustaches."

Helen Denmark turned 108 on Sunday, and she was celebrated with a party Monday thrown by her friends and caregivers at Brookdale Assisted Living in Birmingham.

Denmark said she doesn't feel any older than she did when she was 107 and added that she stays feeling youthful by "drinking wine, eating dessert and flirting with men with moustaches."

The U.S. Census Bureau estimated that there were about 1,01,000 people over the age of 100 living in the country as of January, and that number is expected to quadruple to about 4,22,000 by 2054.

HEALTH CAPSULE

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WOMEN'S SINGLES - FINALS
(31) B. Krejcikova **Vs** (7) J. Paolini — **6.30 pm**

MEN'S DOUBLES - FINALS
(15) M. Purcell/J. Thompson
Vs H. Heliovaara/ H. Patten — **7.45 pm**

WOMEN'S DOUBLES - FINALS
(4) T. Townsed/ K. Siniakova
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Yesterday's level **104.50 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,282.73 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,851.30 feet**
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Today's Outflow **2,257 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **5,000 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

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- ***Tail whipping is a sign that predators have been spotted nearby.***
- ***Squirrels are extremely vocal - they bark, chatter, scream and purr to communicate with one another. They also communicate through body language, by moving their tails and stomping their feet.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Employer: *I hope this is the last time I'm seeing you. You are regularly irregular in attendance.*
Employee: *Are you retiring Sir!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 83.53**
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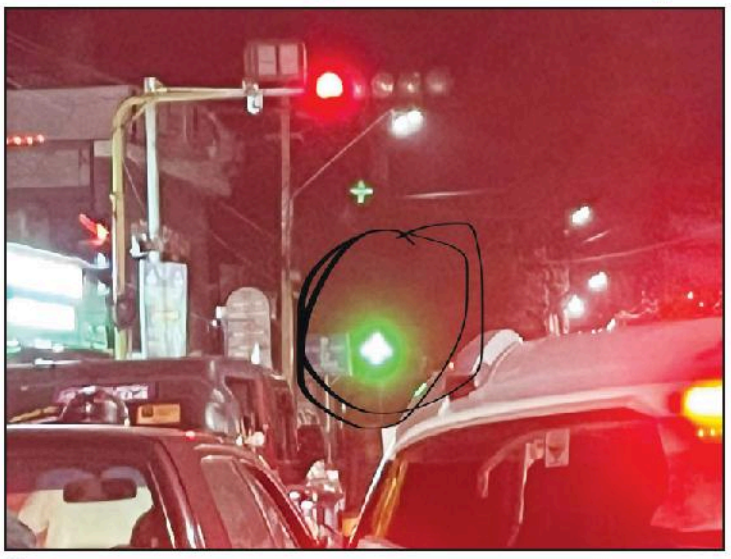
VOICE OF THE READER

Misleading green LED lights outside many medical shops



Sir,

Recently, many medical shops in Mysuru have installed green LED boards outside their premises. However, those situated near traffic signal lights are inadvertently causing issues for motorists.

The green display boards are being mistaken for green traffic signal lights, potentially leading to traffic problems.

It is difficult to understand whose idea it was to place green LED boards at medical shops, especially near traffic signals.

To ensure the safety of motorists, I urge the traffic authorities to consider banning the use of these green LED display boards to protect the public.

—K. Chandrahas

Mysuru
8.7.2024

No wrong in using SCP/TSP funds for guarantees: DKS

Shivakumar

Bengaluru, July 13 (KMS & VNS)- Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar (DKS) has defended the diversion of SCP/TSP [Strategies of the Scheduled Caste Sub Plan for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Tribal Sub-Plan for Scheduled Tribes (STs)] funds for guarantee schemes.

Speaking to reporters on Thursday, he noted that Karnataka, after Andhra Pradesh, is the only State in the country to enact a separate law for allocating and using funds for the welfare of SCs and STs.

"If the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) issues a notice, it should be directed to the Central Government. Our government is utilising these funds for the welfare of Scheduled Castes," he stated.

Shivakumar said that the NCSC should be 'ashamed' for issuing a notice to the Karnataka government regarding the diversion of funds.

In response to alleged scam involving the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Limited, Shivakumar admitted to instances of misappropriation and mentioned that the State Government has already formed a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the matter. He added that misappropriated funds have already been recovered.

The Deputy Chief Minister also criticised the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for intervening in the investigation. "There was no need for the ED to get involved. We have no information about the basis for their investigation. The SIT's inquiry has been transparent, and the concerned Minister has voluntarily resigned to ensure a fair investigation. Our findings indicate that the Minister in question did not sign any documents or have any involvement. While we are investigating according to the law, the ED's involvement raises questions about how the probe will proceed," he remarked.

Shivakumar further stated that Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has the authority to initiate *suo motu* investigations in cases of misappropriation exceeding prescribed amounts. "The Enforcement Directorate could have verified the transparency of the investigation," he added.

The KPCC President also mentioned that the Congress party will discuss the Lok Sabha results with the high command to mount a strong challenge against the BJP-JD(S) coalition.

"We anticipated victory in about 14-15 Constituencies, but we could only secure 9 seats. The party will not only discuss issues in Karnataka but also address various Lok Sabha Constituencies across the country," DKS said.

Nirmala Mathapati appointed as Nataka Academy Registrar

Nirmala

Mysuru, July 13 (VNS)- Rangayana Deputy Director Nirmala Mathapati has been appointed as the Registrar of Karnataka Nataka Academy as per the orders dated July 9, 2024 issued by K.R. Ramesh, Under-Secretary to the Government, Department of Kannada and Culture.

Nirmala has served in Rangayana for three terms as the Deputy Director (2009-13, 2016-17 and 2022-24). She was also instrumental in organising eight Bahuroopi National Theatre Festivals and one International Theatre Festival at Rangayana. Earlier, she had served as the Assistant Director, Department of Kannada Culture in Mysuru and was also the Administrative Officer at Chamarajendra Government College of Visual Arts (CAVA) in city.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Nirmala Mathapati thanked the Department of Kannada and Culture for giving her the opportunity to serve in Mysuru and neighbouring districts. "It was nice to work in Mysuru. Having been a part of various Committees during Dasara and also Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival has been a great experience," she said.

Nominated to Lalithakala Academy

Abhilash

Mysuru, July 13- Artist D. Abhilash, a resident of Rajarajeshwari Nagar in city, has been nominated as a member for Lalithakala Academy, which functions under Kannada and Culture Department, according to Kannada and Culture Department Under-Secretary Geetha Bai.

A native of Dinkashettihalli in Pandavapura taluk, Abhilash studied his Fine Arts course in Mysuru and obtained higher degree at Gulbarga University. He has also built tableaux of various districts during Dasara for which he had bagged prizes thrice besides being a recipient of Lalithakala Academy award.

Ex-servicemen to meet in city tomorrow

Mysuru, July 13- The District Unit of All Karnataka Ex-Servicemen Association will be meeting at No. 265, 19th Main B-Block, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage in city at 10 am tomorrow (July 14) to discuss the union of all Ex-servicemen Associations in Mysuru and Kodagu districts.

Addressing a press meet here yesterday, Association District President K.P. Divakar said that several servicemen and ex-servicemen have been cheated by private developers on the promise of sites allotment. In order to stop this, it has been planned to bring together all Ex-servicemen Associations in Kodagu and Mysuru districts under one platform and form 'Servicemen and Ex-servicemen Housing Co-operative Society,' he said adding that there are 7,000 Ex-servicemen families in Mysuru and 15,000 in Kodagu. For more details, contact Mob: 96636-00029 or 94838-62050.

H.S. Nanjundaswamy, Chitra Subbaiah, Basappa Chandira and Lingaraju were present.

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NEWS BRIEFS

International Jawa Day tomorrow

Jawa Friends Club, Mysuru, as part of International Jawa Day celebrations, has organised a friends meet in city and will take out a ride on Jawa bikes. Jawa and Yezdi bike owners will assemble near RTO (East) on the Outer Ring Road at 10.30 am and will take out a ride to Srirangapatna. For details, contact Khizer on Mob: 99640-51223 or Sameer on Mob: 98444-25591, according to a press release.

Swathi Puja

'Swati Puja' will be conducted at Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple, Kalidasa Road, on July 15. The rituals will begin with Sankalpa at 8 am, followed by Abhisheka at 9 am, Alankara at 10.30 am and Mahamangalarathi at 11.30 am. The Prakarotsava will be held at 7.30 pm. For details, contact Mob: 93421-88323 or 75988-32271.

Hostel admission

The Minorities Welfare Department has invited applications from eligible boys and girls from Minority communities for admission to Post-Matric Boys/ Girls Student Hostels run by the Department. The applications can be submitted online via the website: ***https://shp.karnataka.gov.in*** before Aug 5. For details, log on to the website: ***https://dom.karnataka.gov.in*** or visit the Department office located on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road. For details, contact Mysuru District Information Centre on Mob: 89510-87207 or Taluk Information Centres — Hunsur: 96207-50935; K.R. Nagar: 99863-46893; Periyapatna: 63626-61474; H.D. Kote: 96631-57476; T. Narasipur: 82777-75750; Nanjangud: 97435-67567.

Theatre training

Abhiyenthararu, A Theatre for Engineers, has organised 'Rangabhoomiyatta...,' a theatre training camp in the month of October. Television actor and noted theatre director Karthik Hebbar will be the director of the camp and noted playwrights and theatre persons will throw light on the various aspects of theatre. Interested may submit their applications before July 31. For details, contact H.S. Suresh Babu on Mob: 99453-55777 or Hemalatha on 98803-15677.

Applications invited

The Labour Department has invited online applications from children of labourers serving in Mines (Sandstone, Chrome, Manganese, Iron, Dolomite etc.,), Beedi and Cinema Industry for availing financial support for education. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2451421 or 2451740, according to a press release.

Operation Night Raid a publicity stunt?

Waste left undisposed on Jodi Tenginamara Road in Bannimantap

Mysuru, July 13 (MK&BS)- Like the good old Kannada adage, 'Kuniyalaradavanige Nela Donku,' meaning 'One who cannot dance said floor is not good,' Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) seems to be losing people's faith for its inept handling of the waste disposal system.

It appears true, if one takes a glimpse of a stretch of Jodi Tenginamara Burial Ground Road in Bannimantap, where the waste seized from the offenders, during the recently launched 'Operation Night Raid' by MCC, has been left unattended, without taking any steps to dispose them.

A sofa set and a sack of waste has been lying on the footpath of Jodi Tenginamara Burial Ground Road, for the past four to five days, with no sign of MCC gangmen deputed to dispose waste. From MCC Commissioner to officials, all have been making tall claims to bifurcate waste from the source into wet waste and dry waste, to reclaim the top slot in Clean City rankings, but when it comes to action, most of the plans remain on papers. The 'Operation Night Raid' has also come under criticism, with the concerned citizens calling it as a publicity stunt of MCC.

With one each of Pourakarmika and Supervisor deputed to 65 Wards of MCC as part of the Night Raid, the concerned citizens point at the inadequacies.

Is a Pourakarmika and Supervisor enough to dispose waste in each Ward. If anybody is caught disposing waste in public, the Health Inspector of respective Ward should be informed and the officer will visit the spot and impose fine on offenders, say the concerned citizens, who describe the whole exercise as 'comedy of errors.'

Amid this, it is alleged that, the whole exercise is perfunctory, as the staff deputed patrol till midnight, before stopping at a place to kill time till the crack of dawn.

When Mysuru secured top rankings in Clean City survey in the past, there were no such operations in place, yet the City Corporation had succeeded in making it to the top.

SWR provides enhanced facilities for running staff

Mysuru, July 13 (BCT)- Continuous improvements have been made to the facilities for running staff in the Mysuru Division of South Western Railway (SWR), recognising their crucial role in train operations.

Running rooms: These rest areas for train crew, including drivers and guards, have been enhanced to provide a home-like atmosphere. They feature air-conditioned or air-cooled sleeping cubicles, quality subsidised meals and packed meals for unconventional hours. Each running room connects to a crew lobby with essential train operation information.

Amenities: The running rooms offer spacious rooms with toilets, meditation and reading rooms, dining halls, kitchens, RO purified drinking water, mechanised linen washing, solar hot water systems, centralised air cooling, mosquito curtains and laundry services. Vegetarian meals with exclusive menus for different days are also provided.

Capacity: Mysuru Division operates running rooms with varying capacities across different locations: Mysuru (44 beds), Hassan (35 beds), Arsikere (56 beds), Chikjajur (46 beds), Harihar (21 beds), Sakleshpur (16 beds), Subramanya Road (26 beds), Shivamogga (20 beds) and Talguppa (12 beds).

Female crew: Separate rooms with air conditioners and attached toilets are provided for female crew members in every running room, ensuring privacy and comfort.

Arsikere running room: Constructed in 2020 with a capacity of 56 beds, this fully air-conditioned facility includes modern furnishings, rainwater harvesting, a state-of-the-art kitchen, a yoga/ meditation room, dining hall, recreation room and an organic garden. A computerised check-in/ out system adds convenience.

Future plans: The division plans to expand running rooms at Subramanya Road, Hassan, Shivamogga and Chikjajur, each adding 20 more beds. New running rooms at Sakleshpur, Chikkamagaluru and Talguppa are also proposed, each with a capacity of 20 beds.

To ensure well-being, comprehensive contracts for 24x7 security, facility maintenance, garden upkeep and catering services have been awarded. The division adheres to the Hours of Employment (HOER) Act Rules to prevent staff overwork and fatigue, ensuring safety and efficiency.

Shilpi Agarwal, Divisional Railway Manager, emphasised the Division's commitment to enhancing the quality of life for its running staff, ensuring their comfort, safety and well-being.

Unidentified body found

Mysuru, July 13 (KS)- Mysuru Railway Police on July 11 have found a body on an unidentified man at Ashokapuram Railway Station & have registered a case.

The deceased is aged between 25 and 30 years, 5.6 ft. tall, wheatish complexioned, well built, oval faced, sports beard and moustache, has a tattoo between his right thumb and index finger, initials 'NL' on his right hand and was wearing a blue coloured T-shirt and green pant.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Mysuru Railway Police on Ph: 0821-2516579 or Mob: 94808-02122.

Obituary

Roopa Shroff

Mysuru, July 13- Roopa Shroff

(60), a resident of Ittigegud here, passed away yesterday.

She leaves behind her husband Haresh Shroff of Ganesh Stores in K.T. Street, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Devaraja Market tenants allege harassment by MCC Commissioner

Mysuru, July 13 (MK&BS)- The shop-keepers, who have been rented out shops in Devaraja Market on Sayyaji Rao road in the city, have written to the Law Minister, Chief Secretary of Government and Deputy Commissioner, raining complaints against the style of functioning of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner and demanding replacement for the Officer.

They have urged the authorities mentioned above, to take action against MCC Commissioner, for issuing eviction notice to the tenants of shops at Devaraja Market and conducting enquiry under Karnataka Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1974.

The tenants have alleged that the MCC Commissioner, who had served notice calling for enquiry at MCC Office on July 3, had not made adequate seating arrangements for advocates appearing on behalf of the tenants and also did not allow them to take part in the enquiry, thus showing disrespect to them.

With his uncivilised behaviour, denying the advocate to perform his duty, the MCC Commissioner has misused the power, but is on his toes to initiate action against the tenants in the name of law. We are also perplexed over why the advocates were restricted from attending the enquiry and deferring the date of enquiry repeatedly, causing mental agony to tenants, they alleged.

President of Devaraja Market Tenants Association Mahadev told *Star of Mysore* that there are over 800 shops in Devaraja Market and 250 tenants have been served eviction notice so far, with 25 asked to appear for enquiry at a time. But the date of enquiry is being postponed, without any valid reason. The enquiry scheduled for July 7 has been postponed to July 27 again, he added.

MCC Commr. clarifies

When *SOM* contacted, MCC Commissioner Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff turned down the allegations of Market tenants and said, "Why should we trouble them. We are acting in accordance with the Government and Court orders. The same tenant stands the chance of getting the shop again, but has to pay the revised rent, if his or her explanation is found satisfactory during the enquiry. It is unwise to say that we (MCC) are troubling them."

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—Promotional Feature

Dalit students stage protest against diversion of funds

Mysuru, July 13 (SBD&DM)- Strongly opposing the diversion of funds meant for SC/ST development to guarantee schemes of the Government, the University of Mysore Dalit Vidyarthigala Okkoota staged a demonstration in front of Manasagangothri clock tower here yesterday.

Raising slogans against the Government, they alleged that the Congress Government had diverted Rs. 25,000 crore of SCP/TSP funds for meeting the financial requirement for guarantee schemes.

They urged the Government to withhold the transfer of money and use it for the purpose that it is actually meant for.

Stating that the Social Welfare Department had raised the minimum marks required for scholarship for SC/ST students to 75 percent from the current 60 percent, they wanted to know how many colleges in the State were following the Government order on non-collection of admission fee from SC/ST students.

Cautioning the Government against pursuing anti-dalit student policies, they warned of intensifying their agitation if their demands were not met in the coming days.

MP Dr. Manjunath writes to CM, opposes renaming Ramanagara

Ramanagara, July 13 (Agencies)- Bangalore Rural MP Dr. C.N. Manjunath has written a letter to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah not to change the name of Ramanagara district.

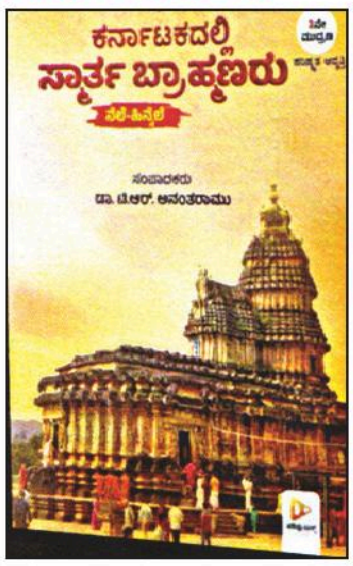
In his letter, Dr. Manjunath has explained that Ramanagara has emotional and historical background. The development works can be initiated without re-christening the name of the district, to transform the district into 'Brand Ramanagara.'

Bengaluru has already witnessed enormous growth and it is indeed a gigantic task to provide basic infrastructural facilities to the residents of the city, Dr. Manjunath explained in his letter.

Third print of book to be released tomorrow

Mysuru, July 13- The third print of the book *'Karnatakadalli Smartha Brahmanaru: Nele-Hinnele,'* edited by Dr. T.R. Anantaramu, will be released by Senior Sanskrit Scholar and columnist Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao at a programme organised by Harivu Books at Veene Seshanna Bhavana in Kuvempunagar at 10 am tomorrow (July 14).

Researcher and retired Kannada Professor Dr. N.S. Taranath will be the chief guest. Senior Scholar and Pampa awardee Dr. T.V. Venkatachala Shastry will preside.



Food Science Alumni Assn.

Mysuru, July 13- The inauguration of the Alumni Association of the Department of Studies in Food Science and Nutrition, University of Mysore, will take place on July 16 at Vijnana Bhavan, Institute of Excellence (IOE), Manasagangothri campus, at 3 pm.

Dr. B. Sesikeran, Former Director of the National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad, will deliver a special lecture. Prof. N.K. Lokanath, UoM Vice-Chancellor, will preside over the event.

For more details, contact: 90352-75021 or 94818-33466.

Flood warning

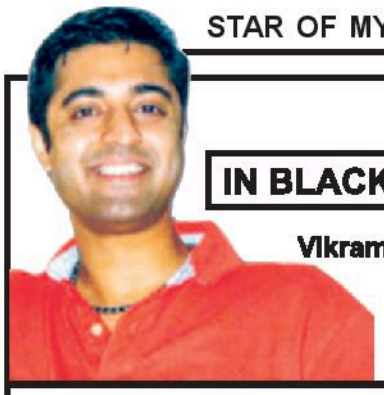
Mysuru, July 13- The Executive Engineer of Kabini Reservoir in H.D. Kote has issued flood warning to villagers living on the either banks of Kabini River. In a press release, the Executive Engineer has stated that the authorities were releasing about 5,000 cusecs of water from the reservoir to the river as the inflow had increased owing to heavy rainfall.

The authorities have urged people not to venture into the waters and to also safeguard their properties and livestock as there were chances of increasing the outflow into river.

Gruha Lakshmi for sexual minorities

Mysuru, July 13- The State Government has extended its popular Gruha Lakshmi Scheme to sexual minorities (transgenders) and has directed to consider their identity cards while uploading their details into the related software. Necessary changes have been made in the software to enable this process.

Sexual minorities can submit their applications by visiting District Women & Child Development Department by compulsorily providing personal details like ID card, passport size photo and Aadhaar card. For details, contact District Department office on Ph: 0821-2495432 or 2498031, according to a release from the District Manager of State Women Development Corporation.



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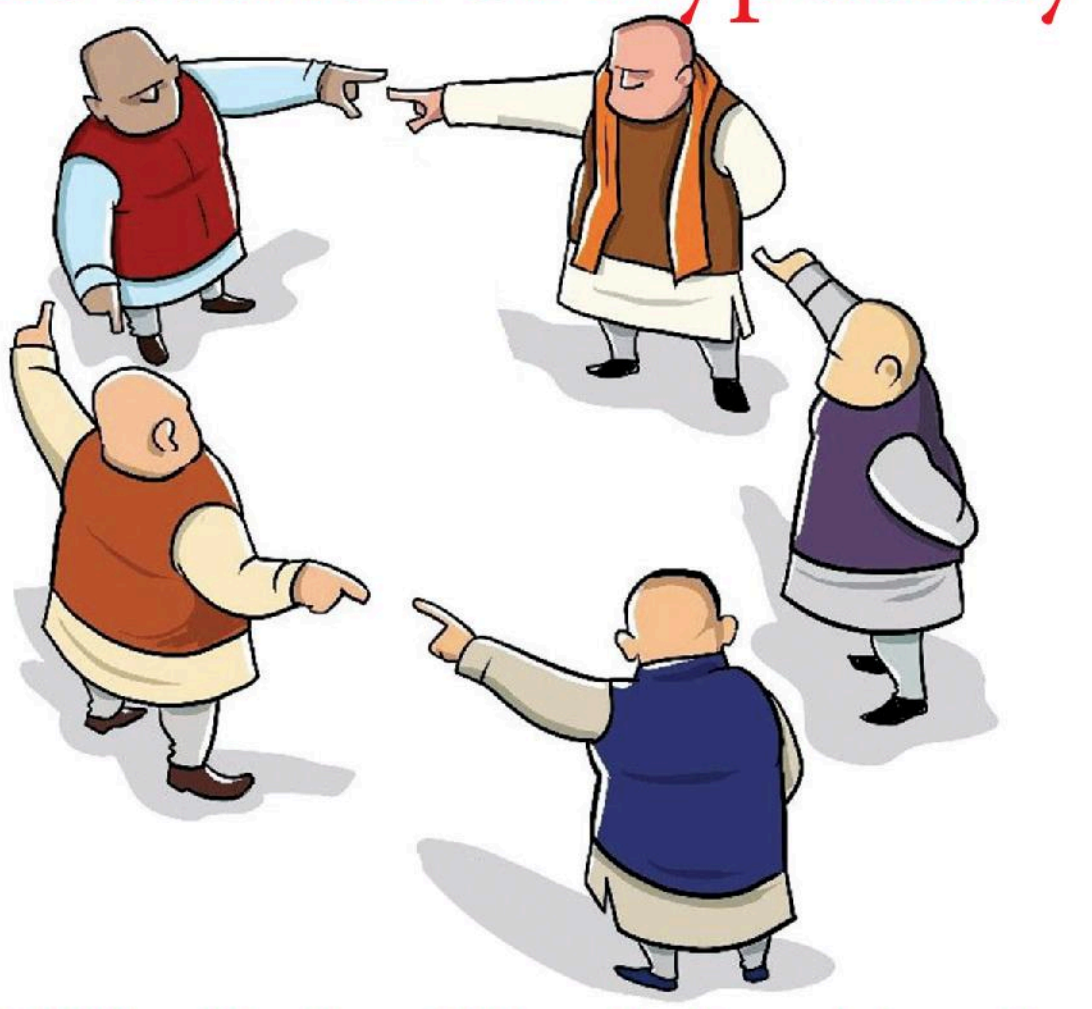
MUDA Protest

The Stench of Hypocrisy



“While calling for a CBI investigation and demanding Siddaramaiah’s resignation on moral grounds, will the BJP and JD(S) first take the moral high ground by suspending their own senior MLAs, who were MUDA members in 2021 under whose watch this scam occurred?”

Rohini Sindhuri, the former Deputy Commissioner of Mysuru District, had penned a letter to the then Commissioner of MUDA, Dr. D.B. Natesh, on June 5, 2021, highlighting the encroachment of government land. Predictably, there was no response or action.

Three days later, on June 8, 2021, she revealed in an interview with *SOM* that her attempts to revive the encroached lakes were thwarted by local MLAs who advised her to drop the investigation and abandon her lake rejuvenation project.

In a functional democracy, such serious written allegations of land-grabbing made by a DC would prompt the Opposition party to leap into action, embarrass the ruling government and protect public land.

However, the Opposition in our State was conspicuously silent. Why? Because every political party and its senior leaders had dipped their fingers into the honey pot.

Now, the BJP is demanding Chief Minister Siddaramaiah’s resignation on moral grounds. But the question is, who was in power when Siddaramaiah’s wife was allotted 14 sites in prestigious layouts under the 50:50 scheme? It was the BJP.

In 2021, when Siddaramaiah’s wife was allotted these sites, the Chairman of MUDA was H.V. Rajeev of the BJP (now in Congress). The decision-making members included BJP’s S.A. Ramdas, L. Nagendra and B. Harshavardhan. And now the BJP is protesting a scam that happened under their own watch? What a farce!

Even more astonishing is that Siddaramaiah’s son, Dr. Yathindra (then Varuna MLA and now MLC), was a MUDA member when his mother received the land. The then BJP government didn’t see this as a conflict of interest? Oh, the blissful ignorance!

In 2021, when the 50:50 land scam began, MUDA had 26 members, 18 of whom were politicians.

Out of these 18, the BJP and JD(S) had 7 members each and the Congress had 4. Now, the parties who held the collective majority in MUDA during the scam are protesting it? Wah! Bhai Wah!

While calling for a CBI investigation and demanding Siddaramaiah’s resignation on moral grounds, will the BJP and JD(S) first take the moral high ground by suspending their own senior MLAs, who were MUDA members in 2021 when this scam occurred?

Clearly, the BJP and JD(S) protest is all drama, an eye-wash, because if a real CBI investigation happens, senior leaders from all three major parties — BJP, Congress and JD(S) — might just end up sharing a jail cell.

This call for a CBI investigation is not to protect Mysureans or public land. It’s a political charade aimed at troubling Siddaramaiah and destabilising the Congress government.

The tragedy of India is the repeated failure of the Opposition party, both in Parliament and State Assemblies. The best example is what happened before 2014.

The only job of the Opposition party in a democracy is to keep an eye on the ruling party. So what was the BJP doing during the 10 years of Congress corruption? Were they blind and deaf?

Because every major scandal during the Congress rule was exposed by the media or RTI activists and not the then Opposition party, the BJP.

The BJP merely hijacked these issues and rode to power. Be it the Jan Lokpal movement, the 2G scam, the Commonwealth Games scam or the Robert Vadra land scandal — even the *National Herald* case involving the Gandhis, is being fought by Dr. Subramanian Swamy, not the BJP.

Now that the BJP is in power, how many of the ‘scandals’ they accused Congress of have been investigated? How many Congress leaders have gone to jail? None. For all the noise they made about Vadra, is he in jail? Nope.

Opposition parties in India will kick and scream, organise jathas, sit for dharnas and declare bandhs against the ruling party’s corruption. But when they come to power, they do nothing about it — neither stop it nor investigate it.

In Karnataka, the Congress party raised the 40 percent commission issue before the elections, but now that they are in power, what action have they taken? None!

In August 2022, I wrote an article titled *‘40% Commission, 100% No Prosecution.’* I had concluded by saying: “I say with 100% guarantee that this 40% commission issue will be 1,000% closed after the election, even if the Congress comes to power with a 100% majority.” It has come true.

For now, this protest by BJP and JD(S) reeks of hypocrisy with the same outcome as the 40 percent drama by Congress before the election. At best, the MUDA Chairman could be in trouble and he may keep his mouth shut — for a price, of course — until this issue is forgotten. Then it’s business as usual.

Today, expecting government-appointed Chairmen and Officers to protect our land is like expecting a fox to guard the hen-house. And while we, like dumb cocks and hens, vote for them, they steal our eggs and make a meal of us. Our inaction deserves this treatment.

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Mega Lok Adalat begins

DLSA sets a target to dispose of 10,000 cases; litigants in 5,300 cases mutually agree for settling the dispute, says Principal District and Sessions Judge

Mysuru, July 13 (SBD&BS)- The National Mega Lok Adalat began across the country today, with Mysuru District Legal Services Authority (MDLSA), setting a target to dispose of about 10,000 cases.

In a media briefing held yesterday at new court complex at Malalavadi near K.G. Koppal in the city, Principal District and Sessions Court Judge (PDJ) Ravindra Hegde said elaborate arrangements have been made for the Lok Adalat at 65 courts in the district including Mysuru city.

PDJ Ravindra Hegde said, as many as 1.19 lakh cases are in different stages of trial in the district, with 61,345 criminal cases and 58,581 civil cases. While 34,667 cases are eligible for disposal through Lok Adalat and in 5,300 cases, both the parties have mutually consented for settling the dispute. But, we have set a target to dispose of 10,000 cases, added PDJ Hegde.

Notably, 206 cases are related to Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) about awarding compensation for acquiring the land, pending for disposal. During the previous Lok Adalat too, 27 cases had been listed, but there was no representation from MUDA. The Supreme Court has handed over 33 cases to the District Court for disposal and they will be taken up for trial during the special sessions convened from July 29 to August 3.

The MDLSA intends to dispose of 1 lakh cases. The advocates have a pivotal role to play in the adalat and awareness should be created among the litigants about Lok Adalat, said PDJ Hegde.

Judges D. Puttaswamy, Savitri Shivaputra Kujji, Nagaraj Siddappa Ankasadoddi, B.H. Kavya, K.Aftab, Member Secretary of DLSA B.G. Dinesh, President of Mysuru Bar Association S. Lokesh, General Secretary A.G. Sudheer and Vice-president Chandrashekar were present at the press meet.

Cases eligible for Lok Adalat

National Lok Adalat is a golden opportunity for finding resolution to pre-litigation cases and pending court cases. It includes- Criminal cases, bank recovery, job reestablishment, claims related to factory workers salary, District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum, pending Court cases, cheque bounce, Motor Accidents Claims Tribunal, labour disputes, electricity and water bills, land acquisition, salary and incentives, pension, matrimonial and family courts excluding divorce cases. Suitable directions will be issued to both the parties and the cases will be settled only upon mutual agreement. The court fee will be returned to those who agree for mutual settlement.

Release of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu

State to appeal against CWRC verdict

CM calls for all party meet tomorrow

Bengaluru, July 13 (VNS)- With Cauvery Water Regulatory Committee (CWRC) directing the Karnataka Government to release one TMC of water to Tamil Nadu every, Chief Minister Siddaramiaah said the State Government would move Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) against the verdict, here this morning.

Addressing the media persons after presiding over a meeting with concerned ministers and senior officials at his home office 'Krishna', here yesterday, CM Siddaramaiah said that an all-party meeting would be convened tomorrow (July 14) to discuss on the further course to be initiated by the State Government.

Despite initial forecasts of normal rainfall, Siddaramaiah revealed that Karnataka is grappling with a staggering 28 percent shortfall in water inflows. We made our case clear before the CWRC, urging that no decisions be made until the end of July. Yet, the CWRC has directed us to begin daily releases starting July 12," he lamented.

CM Siddaramiaah

The upcoming all-party meeting will see participation from Union Ministers, Members of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha and MLAs from the Cauvery river basin region, underscoring the collective commitment to tackling this pressing issue.

Siddaramaiah remarked that the Government will carefully weigh its next steps after engaging with all stakeholders.

Currently, 5,000 cusecs of water is being dispatched to Tamil Nadu at Biligundlu, equivalent to the inflow from the Kabini dam. Alarmingly, the total water available across all four reservoirs in the Cauvery basin is a mere 60 TMCFT. Siddaramaiah highlighted the critical need to prioritise water for agricultural activities, reiterating that due to the rainfall deficit, the deferring of decision until the end of July is essential for the State farmers.

Probe deepens; Review of past MUDA meetings begins

7,000 pages of meeting proceedings of the last five years being photocopied

Mysuru, July 13 (RK&BS)- The IAS Officer R. Venkatachalapathy-led Inquiry Committee, probing the alleged scam at Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) in the allotment of sites, has been examining the meeting proceedings of MUDA over the last five years.

The officers attached to the Inquiry Committee have requested photocopies of the general meetings held in the last five years and their proceedings from the personal section of the MUDA Chairman. Consequently, the staff of the personal section have been searching for the original files and making photocopies of all the pages, which are expected to amount to 7,000 pages spanning five years.

The meeting proceedings include the subjects discussed, members' opinions, suggestions, oppositions, decisions taken, and whether government approval was obtained or mentioned in the proceedings according to the whims and fancies of the members. The Committee is also checking if the decisions taken conform with the law and how many orders were implemented as per the decisions made at the meetings.

The Secretary of the Urban Development Department has already conducted a meeting in Bengaluru to assess the progress of the MUDA inquiry so far and closely examined any substantiating evidence to detect alleged irregularities, according to a source.

Retired teacher robbed

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The woman told Shanthamma that she was pregnant and asked for drinking water. Shanthamma politely invited them to sit in the hall while she went to the kitchen to get water. After discussing the rent and advance, the duo told Shanthamma that they would eat outside and withdraw cash from the ATM to pay the advance.

Claim of ATM malfunction

The duo left the house and returned at 3 pm, claiming their ATM card had malfunctioned and asked for Shanthamma's phone number to transfer cash through UPI. When Shanthamma told them she did not have a UPI account, the couple said they would return on Friday with their household items and then pay the advance.

Unaware of the couple's criminal intent, Shanthamma agreed. After some time, the woman requested keys to rest in the vacant house and to charge their phones. Shanthamma gave them the charger and keys, and they headed to the vacant house.

The couple returned after 30 minutes to hand over the keys and charger, stating they needed to catch the 5 pm train to Bengaluru and asked for water. An unsuspecting Shanthamma went to the kitchen.

Threatening tactics

As Shanthamma was filling a bottle with water, the woman came from behind and forcefully covered Shanthamma's mouth with her right hand to prevent her from screaming while she held Shanthamma tight with the other hand. The couple then dragged Shanthamma to a room in the duplex house took out clothes from the shelf, tied her with a saree, and stuffed her mouth with clothes. They threatened her, saying they had a knife in the bag and would assault her if she raised an alarm, and also threatened to pour chilli powder into her eyes.

The man held Shanthamma tightly while the woman removed her gold chain from her neck. As the bangles were difficult to remove, the man used a cutting plier to cut them off. The duo left the house with the 77-gram stolen gold and the bag around 4:30 pm. After much struggle, Shanthamma managed to spit out the cloth and raised an alarm.

Hearing her screams, Uma, who lived across from Shanthamma, rushed to her rescue. Later, Shanthamma called her daughter-in-law to inform her about the incident. Hebbal Police have registered a case.

Inspector Mallesh and his team are sourcing CCTV footage from nearby houses and shops to identify the criminals who committed the crime. Sources said that the investigation had reached a decisive point and the criminals would be nabbed soon.

Mysuru woman

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Manjula's parents have accused Boresh and his family of strangling her and then hanging her body to the ceiling, alleging that they forced her to undergo an abortion. Boresh and his family were responsible for her murder, they alleged.

Belagavi DCP P.V. Sneha, who had earlier served as Addl. SP in Mysuru, stated that investigations are on and more detailswill emerge following the post-mortem.

"Cases of suspicious death and dowry harassment have been registered based on Manjula's mother's complaint. Boresh, his father Balappa and Kamalamma have been arrested," the SP said.

Meritorious students feted

Mysuru, July 13 (TRR)- Students, who excelled in the SSLC and PUC examinations, were felicitated at a Pratibha Puraskar event organised by the Karnataka State Licensed Electrical Contractors Association along with the Mysuru District Committee at Samrat Kalyan Mantap, Kuvempunagar, recently.

Speaking after inaugurating, Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Chairman K. Marigowda emphasised the important role talented students play in national development and advised them to serve the country instead of seeking professional careers abroad.

"Students are the treasure of India. They need to work hard to succeed in this competitive world. Hence, they should focus on their studies to bring happiness to their parents and laurels to the country," he said.

He also urged contractors to maintain high standards of work to ensure uninterrupted power supply. Responding to the Association's request for a CA site from MUDA, Marigowda assured them that he would fulfil their demand, provided it is engaged in continuous academic activities.

CESC Chairman and Srirangapatna MLA Ramesh Babu Bandisiddegowda highlighted the shortage of linemen in CESC, which has led to electrical mishaps. "Contractors must immediately respond to electrical mishaps. India has abundant human resources and people from our country hold prestigious positions worldwide. Students must study with perseverance, take advice from their teachers and achieve their goals," he said.

He also assured that he would make sincere efforts to provide NEET coaching to the children of Association members.

The event was attended by State Electrical Contractors Association's Hon. President C. Ramesh, District President H.G. Raghavendra, CESC Technical Director Munigopalraju, K.M. Sunil Kumar, A.M. Poornachandra Tejaswi, S.B. Anita and others.

Ayesha Khanum is Karnataka Media Academy Chairperson

Mysuru, July 13- Senior journalist Ayesha Khanum, who was serving as the Chief Correspondent - South India at Doordarshan, has been appointed as the Chairperson of Karnataka Media Academy by the State Government on Wednesday.

The State Government has also appointed senior journalists M.N. Ahobalapathy of Chitradurga, K. Nigajja of Koppal and senior photojournalist K. Venkatesh as the Members of the Academy.

Newly appointed Media Academy Chairperson Ayesha Khanum presenting a bouquet to Dy.CM D.K. Shivakumar yesterday.

'Vishishta Seva Puraskaar' felicitation ceremony

Mysuru, July 13- Mysore Medical College Alumni Association (MAA), as a part of Mysore Medical College (MMC) Centenary Celebrations, will be conducting a felicitation ceremony 'Vishishta Seva Puraskaar' at the new academic block, at the college premises on July 14.

All MMC alumni, including former and present Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) Vice-Chancellors, IAS, IPS, IFS, IRS and KAS officers, former DMEs, Directors of MMC, Directors of Health & Family Welfare (HFW), ESI and former MAA Presidents, will be felicitated on the occasion.

The programme will be inaugurated by Social Welfare and District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa. The event will be presided by MLA K. Harishgowda.

Bengaluru Rural MP Dr. C.N. Manjunath, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, Koodligi MLA Dr. N.T. Srinivas, RGUHS VC Dr. M.K. Ramesh, Adichunchanagiri University VC Dr. M.A. Shekar, RGUHS first VC Dr. Kantha S. Jadav, RGUHS former VC Dr. Chandrashekar Shetty, MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. K.R. Dakshayani, MAA Hon. President Dr. C.D. Sreenivasa Murthy, President Dr. H.N. Dinesh, Secretary Dr. H.B. Shashidhar, Treasurer Dr. A.S. Sarvesha Raje Urs, Executive Committee members, faculty members, urdergraduate and post-graduate students will take part in the event.

IAF invites applications under 'Agniveer' scheme

Mysuru, July 13 (VNS)- The District Employment Exchange Office has invited online applications from unmarried youths (girls and boys) for Agniveer Air Force recruitment conducted by Indian Air Force under 'Agnipath.'

'Agnipath' is a radical recruitment policy for the Indian armed forces under which 'Agniveers' are hired on four-year contract for the three defence services (Army, Navy and Air Force) which will help in character building and will empower the nation's youth.

Candidates having born between July 3, 2004 and Jan. 3, 2008 are eligible to apply.

Applicants must have a pass in PUC with Science subjects. Also, they must have secured 50 percent marks in Mathematics, Physics and English. If candidates have studied any professional course, they must have passed with 50 percent marks in English, Physics and Mathematics subjects.

Candidates, who have completed three years diploma course with 50 percent marks or candidates having completed two years of vocational courses in Mathematics and Physics from Boards recognised by the State, UTs and Central, with 50 percent marks in total and 50 percent in English subjects or candidates who have passed 12th with another stream can also apply with 50 percent marks in total and 50 percent marks in English or have passed two years of vocational courses from Education Boards recognised by the State, Central and UTs are eligible to apply.

Interested men should be a minimum of 152.5 cms in height with appropriate weight and with chest measuring a minimum of 77 cms. Women candidates should be of a minimum of 152 cms with appropriate weight.

Eligible candidates may apply online by logging on to ***http://agnipathvayu.cdac.in*** from July 8 to 28 by paying the application fee (Rs. 250). The online exam will be held on Oct. 18.

For more details, contact District Employment Exchange Office Assistant Director on Ph: 0821-2489972.

Cash prize for Yakshagana books

Mysuru, July 13- The Karnataka Yakshagana Academy has invited applications from authors and publishers of books on Yakshagana (Tenku, Badagu, Badabadagu, Yakshagana Gombeyata), Mudalapaya Yakshagana, Kelike, Ghatadakore and Talamaddale, published in the year 2022 (between Jan. 1, 2022 and Dec. 31, 2022) and 2023 (between Jan. 1, 2023 and Dec. 31, 2023) for awarding cash prize.

The books may be in the form of music, food, acting, research, critic, autobiography and prasanga. The best book will be awarded a cash prize of Rs. 25,000.

The books must be self-written and must be its first publication. Textbooks, collection of articles and felicitation volumes will not be considered.

Four copies of each book must be sent to the Registrar, Karnataka Yakshagana Academy, Kannada Bhavan, 2nd Floor, J.C. Road, Bengaluru, before July 25.

Prescribed application forms can be obtained from the Department Assistant Directors of respective districts.

For more details, contact Ph: 080-22113146, according to a release from Kannada and Culture Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan.

Ashada offer: Up to 50% discount at Shoe World in city

Mysuru, July 13- As part of Ashada month, 'Shoe World' at Prestige Shopping Arcade (ground floor), near Ramaswamy Circle, is offering up to 50 percent discount on sale of high quality sandals, shoes and other footwear of its In-house Brands for both men and women till July 22.

MCP (Multicellular polyurethane) and Medifeet - Ortho and Diabetes footwear too are available. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2424252, according to a press release.

Two-day conference from July 25

Mysuru, July 13 (KS)- A two-day conference on 'Climate Change Mitigation, Adaptation and Resilience: A Holistic Approach,' organised by the Department of Environmental Science, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru, in collaboration with India Universities and Institutions Network for Disaster Risk Reduction (IUINDRR) and National Institute of Disaster Management, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, will be held on July 25 and 26 in city.

The conference will be inaugurated on July 25 at 10.30 am at Sri Rajendra Auditorium in JSS College of Pharmacy premises. Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, who is the Chancellor of JSS AHER, will grace the occasion. Executive Director of National Institute of Disaster Management, Ministry of Home Affairs, Rajendra Ratnoo will be the chief guest.

JSS AHER Pro-Chancellor Dr. B. Suresh will deliver the inaugural address while Vice-Chancellor (In-Charge) Dr. Basavana Gowdappa will deliver the introductory remarks. JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath will preside.

Experts from Nagpur's National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, Bengaluru's National Institute of Advanced Studies, Environmental Management and Policy Research Institute and other Universities will deliver talks on the theme followed by 60 oral presentations from selected participants.

Discarded grievances spark public outrage

Many applications given at Chief Minister's 'thanksgiving' event in Chamarajanagar thrown near the stage

Chamarajanagar, July 13 (SS& BCT)- While Chief Minister Siddaramaiah often warns district-level officers of stern action if they fail to resolve citizens' grievances locally, many grievance applications given to the CM during his recent visit to Chamarajanagar were found discarded.

Applications containing various grievances were discovered near the stage from where the CM spoke about his Government's people-friendly policies. These applications ultimately ended up in the dustbin.

The CM, along with political leaders, MLAs, MLCs, followers and officers, visited Chamarajanagar on July 10 to thank the people for electing Sunil Bose, the son of Mysuru District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, as the MP of Chamarajanagar.

A massive 'thanksgiving' event was organised at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar District Stadium, where the CM detailed his Government's people-friendly policies.

During the event, many people, along with representatives of various associations and organisations, met the CM and submitted applications detailing their grievances, appealing for a speedy resolution. These applications were given after the stage programme.

Unfortunately, many of these applications were found discarded near the stage, considered waste, and dumped in the dustbin. Seeing their discarded grievance applications, members of the public and farmers objected.

Protests against neglect

"We submit applications for the speedy redressal of our long-pending problems. But here, we see there is no value for our applications. The CM could have at least instructed his officers and staff to collect and review all the applications. This did not happen, unfortunately. We are deeply pained by this attitude," said the leaders who had submitted their written grievances.

Many of the applications highlighted the problems faced by farmers. As a result, agitated leaders staged a protest in Chamarajanagar near the DC's office yesterday under the banner of the Sugarcane Growers Association. They criticised the CM and other elected representatives for neglecting their pleas, shouting slogans against them.

"It is unfortunate that such an incident occurred at the 'thanksgiving' event where hundreds of voters had gathered. By discarding the grievance applications, the CM and his followers have insulted the feelings of the Chamarajanagar voters and farmers," the protesters said.

Monsoon Session of State Legislature from July 15

Mysuru, July 13 (VNS)- The Monsoon Session of State Legislature will be held from July 15 to 26, said Legislative Assembly Speaker U.T. Khader yesterday.

Addressing a joint press meet along with Legislative Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti at Vidhana Soudha, Khader said that 9-day Session would feature question hour along with motion of attention, zero hour, motion of adjournment among others. He also said, with the term of Existing Committee drawing to an end on Aug. 8, an election proposal to select the members of various Committees for year 2024-25 will be tabled during the Session.

Stating that a Committee to identify the Best Legislator had been formed, Khader mentioned that the presentation of the award would be held during the Session. He also said, special opportunities would be given to Legislators, who will be present the entire day, to speak during the session.

"Arrangements would also be made for students and children to watch the Assembly Session at Vidhana Soudha," he added.

Speaking on the occasion, Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti said that identification of Best Legislator for the year 2022-23 was also almost complete and added that the Session of the first day would commence at 11 am.

Expressing his concerns over the Sessions not being held for 60 days as stipulated, Horatti added that the matter would be discussed with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. Answering to a question on renovation of Ministers office in Vidhana Soudha, the Council Chairman said that there was a provision to take up minor renovation with permission but not to renovate according to their wimps and fancies.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Bilk

Pronunciation: BILK (Verb)
Meaning: Bilk is typically applied in contexts relating to fraud and deceit. It can mean "to cheat out of something valuable," or "to evade payment of or to," or "to obtain something by defrauding someone."
Origin: Initially, bilking wasn't considered cheating—just good strategy for cribbage players. Language historians aren't sure where bilk originated, but they have noticed that its earliest uses occur in contexts relating to the game of cribbage. Part of the scoring in cribbage involves each player adding cards from their hand to a pile of discards called the "crib." At the end of a hand, the dealer gets any points in the crib. Strategically, then, it's wisest for the dealer's opponents to discard the cards most likely to "balk," or put a check on, the dealer's score (or in other words, the ones least likely to contribute to point-making combinations). Etymologists theorise that bilk may have originated as an alteration of that card-game balk.
Example: "In a scheme revealed in February, Arlington was bilked out of nearly a half-million dollars by international hackers impersonating a vendor working to rebuild the community's high school." — John Hilliard, The Boston Globe, 11 June 2024

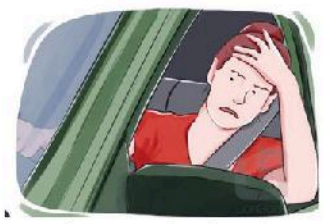
THE ODD WORD

Ethereal

Extremely delicate light, not of this world.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

On Pins and Needles



Meaning: When you use the expression 'On Pins and Needles' you mean that someone is in a state of anxious suspense.
Origin: The origin of the phrase 'On pins and needles' comes from the early 19th century. The expression began as a literal description of the sharp, uncomfortable feeling one gets when recovering from numbness.
Example: "Todd has been on pins and needles all day, waiting for his wife to have the baby."

QUOTE BOX

We have, I fear, confused power with greatness. —**Stewart Udall**

RIDDLE THIS

Pronounced as one letter, and written with three, two letters there are, and two only in me. I'm double, I'm single, I'm black blue and grey, I'm read from both ends, and the same either way. What am I?

Answer: Eye.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Piece of furniture with mattress and coverings?
4 In short, a way of winning in boxing?
7 Cowboy competition
9 Parent's brother
12 Forty winks
13 ____ - eater : person given to indolent enjoyment?
14 Shopping area
15 Rascals
17 Town in Ladakh
18 Go furtively
20 Bakery offering
21 To look closely
22 English court
23 North Indian state
27 Group of three
28 Rip
29 Honest ___
30 New Zealand native
32 British Thermal Unit, in short
35 "Scarab" anagram for a type of alcoholic drink?
37 British comic role (2,4)
39 India's first P.M.
40 Away from the sea
41 King's order
42 Adolescents
43 Notice of exception, abbr.
44 Couple

DOWN

1 Bungle or blunder
2 ___ Ferber : "So Big" author?
3 Jordan River terminus (4,3)
4 City in Oklahoma
5 Criticize
6 Eight as a prefix
7 Unusual
8 First to bat
10 Thick, like the proletariat?
11 Caught sight of
12 A unit of heat
16 A series of games at tennis
19 Muse of poetry
21 Please turn over, in short
22 Household god
23 Suave, bland
24 Arranged in rows
25 Sesame Street frog
26 Coiffure holder (4,3)
27 Label or key on a computer keyboard?
30 Venetian explorer __ Polo
31 Sharp and biting
32 A form of bingo?
33 Converts to leather
34 And for the German
36 Leg part
38 ___ one's lid : lost one's temper

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

C	R	U	■	D	E	A	N	■	■	D	A	M
A	A	N	■	E	A	T	E	R	■	I	K	E
L	I	T	■	G	U	M	B	O	■	D	I	D
F	L	O	R	A	■	■	■	M	A	I	N	E
■	■	■	A	S	A	■	U	P	I	■	■	■
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I	V	Y	■	■	G	P	S	■	■	N	E	I
S	A	A	R	■	O	S	E	■	A	D	E	N
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K	A	P	P	A	■	■	■	N	E	W	L	Y
E	D	E	■	S	H	R	E	D	■	R	I	A
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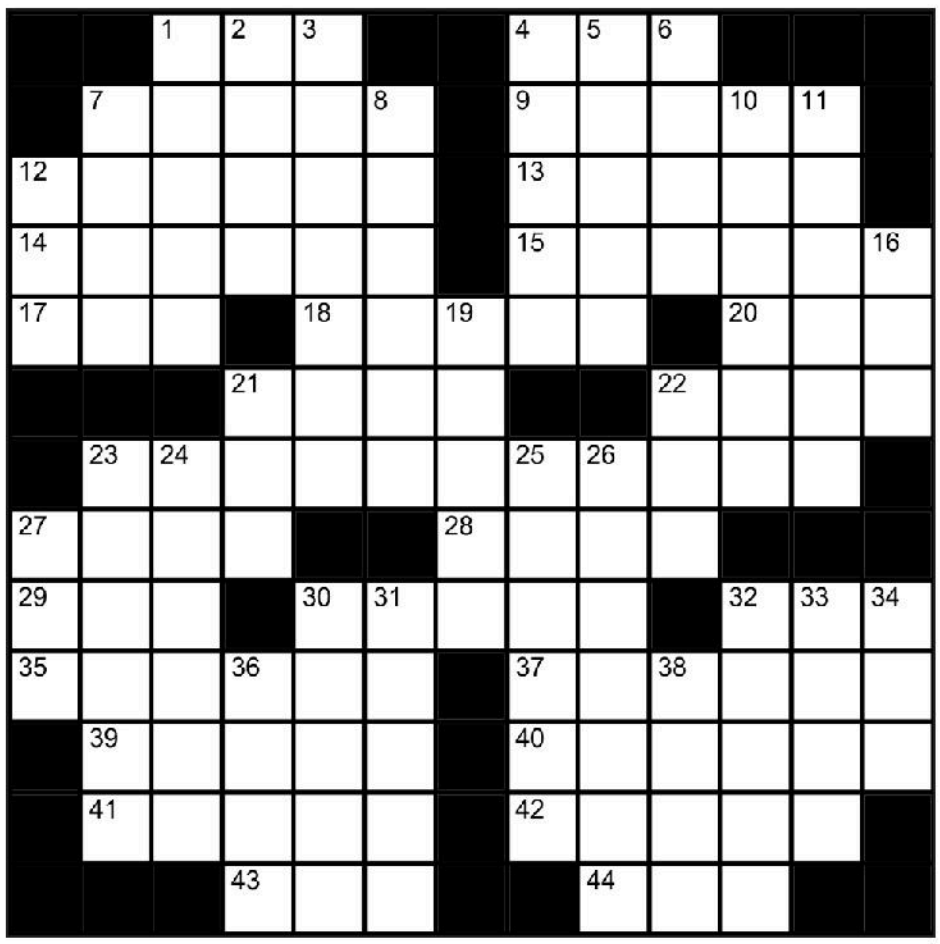

SUDOKU

		2	5		4	7		
	8						3	
1			6		8			9
6	2						7	8
7	9						4	6
5			8		2			7
	1						5	
		6	7		9	8		

Answer to previous puzzle

1	9	4	2	8	7	3	5	6
8	6	3	9	4	5	7	1	2
7	5	2	1	3	6	8	4	9
6	7	9	5	1	8	2	3	4
4	3	5	7	2	9	6	8	1
2	1	8	3	6	4	5	9	7
9	2	1	6	5	3	4	7	8
3	8	7	4	9	2	1	6	5
5	4	6	8	7	1	9	2	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

LSS BOU QYWESUMKU PY BOU EWISM

PC TWDYM EPBOPY FWD.

TODAY'S CLUE: F EQUALS Y

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul?

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Kalki 2898 AD (K-2D)	(S-1)	6.45 pm, 10.10 pm
	(S-3)	9.30 am, 12.55 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (H-3D)	(S-3)	7 pm
Indian 2 (Ta)	(S-1)	1 pm
	(S-4)	9.25 am, 3.10 pm
		6.40 pm, 10.10 pm
Inside Out 2 (E-3D)	(S-1)	4.35 pm
Sarfira (H)	(S-2)	9.45 am, 12.50 pm
		7.20 pm, 10.20 pm
Fly Me to the Moon (E)	(S-3)	4.20 pm, 10.25 pm
Despicable Me 4 (E-3D)	(S-4)	1 pm

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	(S-4)	1.25 pm, 7.45 pm
Love Li (K)	(S-1)	1.55 pm
Indian 2 (Ta)	(S-2)	1 pm, 4.25 pm, 7.50 pm
	(S-3)	6.05 pm, 9.30 pm
	(S-4)	10 am
Kalki 2898 AD (Te-3D)	(S-3)	11.10 am, 2.40 pm
Kali Kudukaru (K)	(S-4)	4.50 pm

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Indian 2 (Ta)	:	10.30 am, 11.30 am, 2.10 pm
		3.10 pm, 6.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Indian 2 (H)	:	5.50 pm, 9.30 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (H-3D)	:	10.45 am, 2.25 pm, 6.05 pm, 9.45 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (K-2D)	:	11.15 am, 6.35 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (Te-2D)	:	2.55 pm, 10:15 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	11 am
Kaagaz Ke Phool (H)	:	11.35 am
Kill (H)	:	2.45 pm
Fly Me to the Moon (E)	:	5.10 pm
Longlegs (E)	:	8.05 pm

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Indian 2 (Ta)	:	9.15 am, 11 am, 2.40 pm, 6.20, 10 pm
Sarfira (H)	:	9.30 am, 12.45 pm, 4 pm, 7.15, 10.30 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	10.30 am
Kalki 2898 AD (Te-3D)	:	11.05 am, 6.30 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (H-3D)	:	2.50 pm, 10.15 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (K-2D)	:	3.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Despicable Me 4 (E)	:	12.55 pm
Indian 2 (Te)	:	6.50 pm

EVENTS TODAY (JULY 13)

- **Industrial Extension Cottage (Indext-C), Government of Gujarat:** 'Gujarat Handicrafts Utsav,' JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Hebbal, Mysuru, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **Sahara Handicraft and Handloom Association:** Handicraft and Handloom Exhibition, Bharat Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's office, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Trayinyas Shrividya Foundation:** Sri Mahavarahi Gupta (Ashada) Navaratri, Sri Mrutyunjaya Amruteshwari Homa and Sri Asitanga Brahmyadi Ashtamithuna Bhyravadi Homa, Foundation premises, #8, 7th Main, 3rd Block, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Mahamedhanandaji speaks on 'Swami Turiyananda's letters to spiritual aspirants,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Swarasankula Sangeetha Sabha, Mysuru and Santoor Ashram, Kolkata:** Hindustani Classical Music, Santoor recital by Ahilan Hatti, accompanied by Pt. Jyotirmay Roy Chowdhury on tabla; Guru, Internationally acclaimed Santoor exponent Pt. Tarun Bhattacharya will grace the concert, Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi, Mysuru:** Music programme in memory of Chakrakodi Narayana Shastry [sponsored by Sri Muliya Raghavayya and family], Karnatak vocal recital by Vidu M. A. Jyothi accompanied by Vidu. Pruthvi Bhaskar on violin, Vid. Nyvelli K.V. Ramkumar on mridanga and Vid. Srinidhi on ghata, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Rangataranga, Sri Krishna Trust, Mysuru and Department of Kannada & Culture, Bengaluru:** Bharatanatyam programme, Sri Krishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **6.30 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi-Kutuhali and The Academy Trust, Mysuru:** Science Sanje, Talk on 'Super Efficient Solar Cells and LEDs: A Search in the Nanoworld,' by Prof. M.S. Shivaprasad, Dean & Hon. Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Dharwad, Suruchi Rangamane, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JULY 14)

- **Trayinyas Shrividya Foundation:** Sri Mahavarahi Gupta (Ashada) Navaratri, Mahabhisheka, Saptashati Parayana, Srichakrarchane, Navavarana Puja, **8.30 am;** Shatru Stambhanakarini Sri Bagalamukhi Homa and Sri Dashavarahi Avarananga Homa, Foundation premises, #8, 7th Main, 3rd Block, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Chandramoulishwaraswamy Temple, V.V. Mohalla:** 82nd Jayantyotsava and 20th Brahmotsava Programme, Girija Kalyana (Sri Prasanna Parvathi Kalyana Mantapa), Temple premises, **9 am.**
- **Ajjana Mane - Kala Prapancha:** Mysore Vasudevacharya Memorial Programme, Kirshora Gayana Namana, vocal recitals by Sughosh (Mysuru), Pranav Adiga (Udupi) and Anjana Matham (Mysuru), accompanied by Srivatsa (Mysuru) on violin, Athri Koushik (Mysuru) on mridanga, Sri Vasudevacharya's House, near Agrahara, **9.30 am.**
- **Harivu Books:** Releasing of book 'Karnatakadalli Smartha Brahmanaru: Nele Hinnele,' edited by Dr. T.R. Anantharamu, senior Sanskrit Scholar Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao releases the book, senior scholar Dr. T.V. Venkatachala Sastry presides, retd. Kannada Professor Dr. N.S. Tharanath guest, Dr. T.R. Anantharamu will be present, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **10 am.**
- **Industrial Extension Cottage (Indext-C), Government of Gujarat:** 'Gujarat Handicrafts Utsav,' JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Hebbal, Mysuru, **10 am to 8.30 pm.**
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- **District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and Suvarna Karnataka Karmikara Vedike:** Rajya Vibhushana Award and Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Award Presentation Ceremony, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji, Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji, MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, MLA K. Harishgowda, sculptor Arun Yogiraj, Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Chairman Ayub Khan and others chief guests, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, Nanjangud Road, **10.30 am.**
- **Sri Basaveshwara Balaga:** Basava Jayanti-2024 celebrations, Elder Citizen Council, Jayalakshmipuram, **11 am.**
- **Rangavalli:** Releasing of Prasanna's book 'Indian Method in Acting' and interaction on the topic 'Nataneyalli Bharatiya Samskrutiyembudideye?,' Music University VC Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote chief guest, senior writer & critic O.L. Nagabhushanaswamy and senior theatre director Prasanna will be present, Indian Institute of Educational Theatre premises, Hardwicke School premises, **4 pm.**
- **District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota, Mysuru:** Releasing of writer Dr. Yellappa K.K. Pura's 'Bisila Beragu' felicitation volume, retd. Chief Traffic Manager Sharana Sarangamath Hampaiah inaugurates, poet and former MP Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah releases the book, District Sahitya Bhavana, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **4.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Sarvajayanandaji speaks on 'Sri Sri Rama Krishna Charite,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Mysore Open Forum:** Talk on 'Formation of Karnataka State' by Prof. Rajendra Chenni, former Professor of English, Kuvempu University, Kalpa Kshetra Auditorium, #581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, **10.30 am.** [Mob: 94498-19536]
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of play 'Sthavaravu Jangama,' Natana premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**

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Kalki 2898 AD (Te-3D)	:	3 pm, 10.20 pm
Indian 2 (Ta)	:	11 am, 2.40 pm, 6.20 pm, 10 pm
Indian (Te)	:	12.20 pm
Indian (H)	:	10.10 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.20 pm

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Indian 2 (Ta)	:	7.50 am, 11.30 am, 3.10 pm
		6.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Sarfira (H)	:	9.30 am, 12.45 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.20 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	10.30 am
Kalki 2898 AD (Te-3D)	:	11 am, 6.20 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (H-3D)	:	2.40 pm, 10 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (K-2D)	:	2.50 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (Ma-2D)	:	10.10 pm
Indian 2 (Te)	:	11.10 am
Maharaja (Ta)	:	4 pm
Indian (H)	:	6.30 pm

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Mysore.
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SHRIDHAR B. KULKARNI
General Manager

ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ದಿ ಮೈಸೂರು ಮರ್ಚೆಂಟ್ಸ್ ಕೋ ಆಪರೇಟಿವ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕಿನ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಸದಸ್ಯರುಗಳಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ ದಿ ಮೈಸೂರು ಮರ್ಚೆಂಟ್ಸ್ ಕೋ ಆಪರೇಟಿವ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕಿನ 65ನೇ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಸರ್ವ ಸದಸ್ಯರ ಸಭೆಯು **ತಾರೀಖು 14.07.2024 ನೇ ಭಾನುವಾರ** ಮೈಸೂರು ಒಟಿ, ಜೆ.ಪಿ. ನಗರದ ಇಂಡಿಪೆಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಬರ್ಬ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಬಸಂತ್ ಕನ್‌ವೆನ್ಷನ್ ಸೆಂಟರ್ ಸಮುದಾಯ ಭವನದಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯಲಿದ್ದು, ಈ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಸನ್ನದು ಲೆಕ್ಕಪರಿಶೋಧಕರಿಂದ ಪರಿಶೋಧಿತವಾದ ಪುಸ್ತಕವನ್ನು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರುಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಳುಹಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸಹಕಾರ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕುಗಳ ಮಹಾಮಂಡಳ ನಿ., ರವರ ಸೂಚನೆ ರೀತ್ಯಾ ಸದರಿ ಸರ್ವಸದಸ್ಯರ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಚರ್ಚಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ವಿಷಯ.

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